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SUBJECT: NO IMMEDIATE NEGOTIATED SOLUTION ON LEBANON?

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1. MFA UNDER SECRETARY AL-MANSOURI TOLD CHARGE ON OCTOBER 9 THAT HE THOUGHT THERE NOW WAS INSUFFICIENT TIME FOR INNER GROUP OF ARAB LEAGUE MEMBERSHIP TO TRY TO RESOLVE LEBANON CONFLICT. HE THOUGHT AS A RESULT SYRIA WOULD HAVE ANOTHER WEEK OR TEN DAYS TO MOVE THE SITUATION TOWARD SOLUTION BY FORCE OF ARMS. THUS SYRIA COULD COME TO THE ARAB SUMMIT WITH A SITUATION ON THE GROUND THAT WAS EVEN MORE FAVORABLE TO ITS POLITICAL AND MILITARY GOALS THAN WAS THE CASE TODAY. MANSOURI SAID HE DID NOT THINK SAUDI ARABIA WOULD MIND IF THE PALESTINIANS HAD TO LIVE BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE CAIRO AGREEMENT.

2. MANSOURI ADDED THAT IN HIS OPINION THE PALESTANIANS IN LEBANON COULD ONLY BE CONTROLLED BY SUPERIOR FORCE BECAUSE NEITHER ARAFAT NOR ANY OTHER PLO OFFICIAL HAD THE AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT THROUGHOUT
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THE ORGANIZATION. SOME SPLINTER GROUP WOULD ALWAYS BREAK

RANKS AND DRAW THE REST OF THE PLO ALONG BEHIND IT.

3. MANSOURI SAID KING KHALID WOULD BE TAKING WITH HIM
TO CAIRO MINDEF PRINCE SULTAN AND FONMIN PRINCE SAUD.
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